

MSS 'facts' false says union

by Catherine Bainbridge
and Melinda Wittstock

The cafeteria workers should be back at work this week if the negotiations with CVC that began yesterday go well.

Representative for the union, Michel Cyr, said Les Services Aliementaires (CVC) has agreed in principle to put back in the labour contract a clause guaranteeing 44 full-time jobs for union workers.

"It was over the exclusion of this clause that we went out on strike," he said.

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Homeless turn to squatting

by Federico Hidalgo

Some abandoned buildings in Montréal are fast becoming homes.

A group of young, homeless people are squatting in an empty public building in downtown Montréal. The group, Montréal Citizens for Direct Housing (MCDH), has about 35 members. Several have been squatting for just under a week and are now going public.

According to McGill Legal-Aid, squatters have no legal rights at all in Canada. The police can simply evict the squatters or charge them with trespassing.

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U.S. Institute behind Canadian Magazines

McGill Magazine, new Magazines financed advised by Republican-tied institute

by Howard Goldenthal and Albert Nerenberg

A powerful American organisation with ties to the Republican party is funneling money and guidance to a new wave of student publications which have sprung up at universities across Ontario and Québec in the last 18 months.

The Institute of Educational Affairs (IEA), a non-profit foundation based in New York and directed by William Simon, one of the Republican party's most successful fundraisers, gave grants to at least three Canadian student newspapers: the McGill Magazine, the University of Toronto Magazine, and Libertas, a new publication at Queen's University in Kingston. The IEA also gives advice to the editors of these papers.

IEA Exective Director Phillip Marcus suggested "If someone accuses you of being a racist or a sexist, accuse them back of McCarthy tactics."

In a phone interview from New York, Jonathan Cohen, the Student Journalism Co-ordinator of the IEA, confirmed the Institute gave money and guidance to the three newspapers. Cohen refused to say how much money the IEA had given to each paper.

McGill Magazine executive editor Peter Theotikas said the publication got "quite a bit" of IEA money last year. Editor Mark Proudman said that although he was in contact with the IEA, so far this year the Magazine had not received any money from them.

None of the publications list their connections to the IEA anywhere.

The Institute of Educational Affairs was founded in 1980 by William Simon, U.S. Treasurer under Richard Nixon's administration and Secretary of the Treasury in President Gerald Ford's administration, and by well-known neo-conservative journalist and philosopher Irving Kristol. In the 1980 election, Simon, a Reagan supporter, made a reputation for himself as one of the

Republican party's most successful fundraisers. He authored two books, "A Time for Truth" and "A Time for Action" which Mark Proudman editor of McGill Magazine described as "Republican manifestos."

Simon is president of the influential John Olin Foundation, which is the major contributor to the IEA. Simon is also sits as a director on the Board of the Canadian Haliburton Company Power Corporation.

Since 1980, the IEA has funded 69 "alternative" student newspapers in North America including the three in Canada.

McGill Magazine and University of Toronto Magazine run many of the same articles. Last year, the McGill and U of T magazines printed features attacking the European peace movement, and criticised students for being "anti-American" without referring to any specific organisation. Libertas and U of T carried a review of the book "Sex and the Brain" which claims sexual inequality is genetic. Both Libertas and U of T published an article saying the United States is afraid to act in world affairs after Vietnam. This year, all three magazines accused the three leaders of Canada's main political parties of being "liberals."

Libertas carried a pre-election interview with U.S. Vice-president George

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... Students fed misinformation by MSS

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The Executive of Students' Society's position on the strike, as outlined in their fact sheet, maintained there was only one key issue — the preservation of part time student jobs.

They argued guaranteeing complete job security for the 44 full-time workers would lead to the eventual fade out of student unemployment here.

"In the event of a lay-off, for any reason, these full-time employees would be entitled to take over positions which would otherwise be part time student jobs."

The information sheet ends with the slogan, "Student employment is not a privilege — it is a right."

However the union workers say the issue at stake was never the replacement of part-time workers with full-time workers.

"We are not asking for job guarantees. If there is a lack of work, of course we will accept layoffs. We agreed with CVC on this point by October 31st," he said. "We took the risk there would be no layoffs because CVC is doing so well."

Cyr says the union is fighting for their survival. "Guaranteeing 44 full-time jobs means that if a full-time worker is fired tomorrow morning or quits s/he must be replaced with a full time worker," says Cyr.

If this is not granted, Cyr says the Union would be phased out

and workers would be right back where they started.

"What Students' Society is saying about us wanting to take away the student's jobs is false," he said.

CVC agreed in principle on October 31 to a clause guaranteeing 44 full-time jobs, later they changed their mind and the workers voted to strike.

Jean Doré, a lawyer and leader of the Montréal Citizens Movement (MCM), the official opposition party in Montréal's City Council, played a large role in the organisation of the union

last year.

According to Doré, "There is a possibility the Students' Society is using scare tactics on students as a negotiating strategy — telling them this union wants their jobs, and students will get nothing."

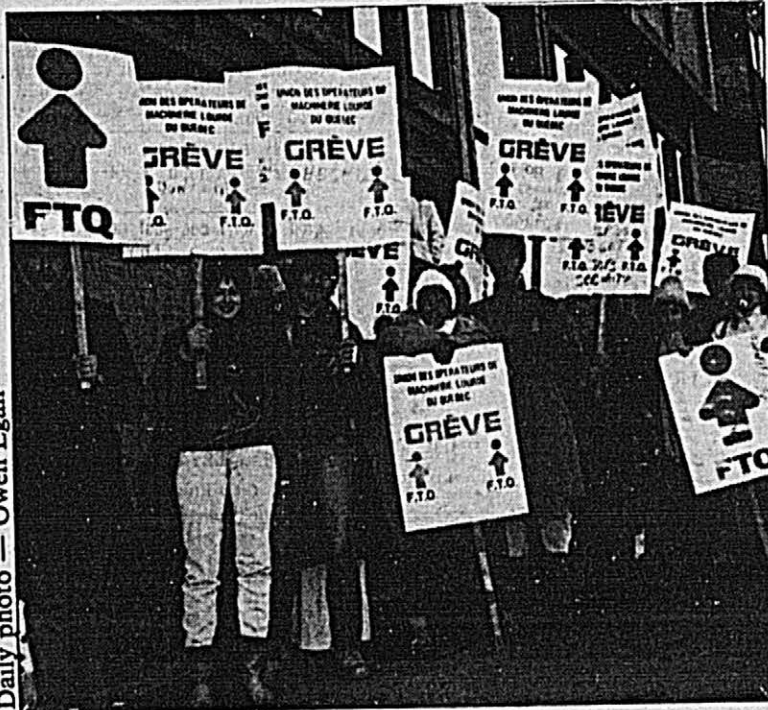
Doré says "Students' Society might be trying to bring the union to its knees through student opposition to eventually break the union."

As well, Doré doesn't see why it would be detrimental to students to give the full-time workers job security in a place

like McGill. "You can guarantee 44 people jobs when you know the volume of sales and how much work there is," he said.

John Feldman, the lawyer

representing Students' Society during the strike, admitted the direction of McGill food services was toward even greater expansion. "This means more jobs not less," Feldman said.



Striking workers picketed the Union Building

...no choice but to squat for homeless

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Denis Jean, one of the squat organizers, says, "These people need homes, but the squat is also a direct political response to the critical housing situation in Montréal, that's why we're going public."

However Jean would not reveal the location of the building saying he fears instant police intervention.

To date there is neither heat nor water in this building. The squatters are surviving with sleeping-bags and food they receive from supporters.

Most of them are unemployed and under thirty, giving them an average income of 156 dollars a month.

According to MCDH, there are several other underground

squats going on in the city. In fact, there are hundreds of unoccupied buildings in Montréal deteriorating because of the city's neglect.

MCDH says there are about 10,000 homeless people in the city. The group believes little is being done to give these people access to homes. Forty per cent of the city's rooming houses have been turned into condominiums which go for an average of 500 dollars a month. The waiting list for low-income public housing is about 35,000, while the number of units being constructed has been drastically reduced. Subsidies for co-op housing have also been slashed.

The squatters are occupying a large public building abandoned for the last five years.

Several months ago, this area's community gave plans to the city for the renovation of the building, offering to integrate the building into community activities. But the proposals have apparently disappeared into the municipal bureaucracy.

"Five years is too long. If we don't do anything, we'll lose the building for ever," Jean said.

"We intend to use some of the floors for living quarters. The rest will be devoted to community activities, such as a day-care center, community barber shop, theatre activities, rooms for women's groups, handicapped..."

In Europe, where there is a loophole in the property laws, squatting is a common and effective housing alternative for the homeless and unemployed.

The MCDH plans to unite all the underground squats into a movement capable of increasing political pressure on the city to convert unused buildings into low-rent housing or to turn them over to community organizations.

Jean stresses this public side of the issue: "We need the community to participate in these squats, or at least support please turn to page 7

CDAS reopened

The Centre for Developing Area Studies (CDAS) documentation centre has been reopened, with the aid of a three year grant from the Canadian International Development Agency. The centre, which was shut down earlier this year due to budget constraints, will now be open Wednesdays and

Thursdays 10am to 4pm. The favorable response from CIDA was due in large measure to the support of the McGill students who organised a petition with more than 500 signatures, to the efforts of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and members of the CDAS itself.

by Leela MadhavaRau

THE ENGINEERING ANGLE

Engineering Angle will appear approximately every two weeks. Suggestions, replies and letters are welcome.

IMAGE

Love a McGill Engineer. Clearly this is the only decent and humane thing to do for a group with one of the worst images on the planet.

Ask an average McGill student what an engineer is and s/he is likely to respond with adjectives like 'rowdy', 'crass', and 'boorish.' The stereotype is based on Engineering's two most vocal minorities — the PPO (Plumbers' Philharmonic Orchestra) and the Plumbers' Pot, two overlapping groups whose total membership is about equal to that of the Students' Meditation Society and the McGill Magazine. Just how representative could these groups possibly be?

Even within the Faculty of Engineering, there exists a stereotype of The Engineer: thick tinted bifocals, greasy hair, a row of pencils in the front shirt pocket, and the ubiquitous Hewlett-Packard strapped on the hip.

John Marlow, ex-President of the Engineering Undergraduate Society (EUS), indicated in a recent lecture that only 15 per cent of engineers carry pencils in their shirt pockets, 3 per cent wore calculators on their belts, and less than 2 per cent were members of the PPO (of which 100 per cent were loud, drunk, and disorderly.)

Most people have no idea of what an engineer actually does, aside from driving a train. Engineers are often seen as boring (though not quite as boring as accountants) types who push pencils across a desk all day, dreaming of the ultimate crankshaft, the perfect transistor. They are construed to be security-minded technocrats, industrial capitalists just a step up the ladder from garage mechanics.

But the image is inaccurate and limited.

In reality, engineers are diverse, technically and otherwise. Their motivations vary with the individual. For some engineers, the chief concern is to get a job and earn a living; for others, it is to place themselves second in order to serve

"Most people have no idea of what an engineer actually does aside from driving a train."

humanity in an engineering capacity. For example, at the Brace Research Centre at MacDonald College, research engineers search for solutions to problems peculiar to the Third World, conquering drought and the scarcity of fuel with the development of solar water distillers and cookers. These engineers chose not to earn the higher salaries available in industry.

The role of the engineer is to answer social demands for transportation and communications, to increase efficiency and lower cost, to improve the safety of working conditions. The engineer uses scientific methods of problem solution, innovation and research in this service and this is what we learn at McGill.

The image betrays the reality of being an engineer. In certain circles, it seems a stigma to study engineering or to be an engineer. It should not be. The kids in the PPO are not Engineering's representatives. They give lab coats a bad name.

If you won't love a McGill engineer, at least buy him or her a beer.

Greg Traquair

Steven Brand

DAILY COMMENT

Our heroes

McGill Students' Society and their corporate friends at CVC say they want to provide part-time jobs for McGill students. They also say in their 'fact' sheet that "Jobs are a right not a privilege."

But, look a little closer, and these nice thoughts aren't as nice as they seem.

MSS and Les Services Alimentaires C.V.C. Inc. claim there is only one issue in the cafeteria workers strike: "The preservation of student jobs."

This is a myth.

MSS and CVC are using scare tactics on students by telling them the union wants to take over their jobs. They hope to create student opposition to the strike by preying upon student fears of unemployment.

These MSS-created 'facts' have nothing to do with reality.

Myth: the MSS claims the union is trying to block the unionization of part-time student employees. **Reality:** The union does not want to exclude students. More union members means more money for the union and more bargaining strength.

Myth: the MSS claims the union wants to replace part-time student jobs with full-time non-student jobs. **Reality:** In the union contract that CVC has not yet signed, the union workers have already agreed that if they are laid off they will not replace part-time workers.

Myth: MSS says that guaranteeing 44 full-time jobs means that part-time student labour will get eventually phased out. **Reality:** The union wants full-timers to be replaced by full-timers only to secure the bargaining strength and survival of the union. Part-time workers outnumber full-time workers by 200 to 44. In no way are the part-time positions threatened by such a guarantee.

Myth: MSS cares about student employment. **Reality:** Since when has MSS ever done anything to fight unemployment? The subject is never broached at Council meetings. Unlike other Student governments across Canada who have spent much time lobbying both the Federal and provincial governments for job creation programmes, the MSS has done little.

If MSS cares so much about students and their financial situation, why is it that students are financing cafeteria expansions (\$145,000 worth) through higher food costs and drastically reduced quality?

One MSS and CVC reality: they want to preserve student jobs. And, given their money-making goals, it's easy to see why: student part-timers don't get paid union wages. Lower wages mean more profit.

Another MSS/CVC reality: they don't want unionized workers at McGill, they never have. MSS fought last year to prevent the cafeteria workers from unionizing.

The only issue for the MSS is to find a justification for trying to undermine a union.

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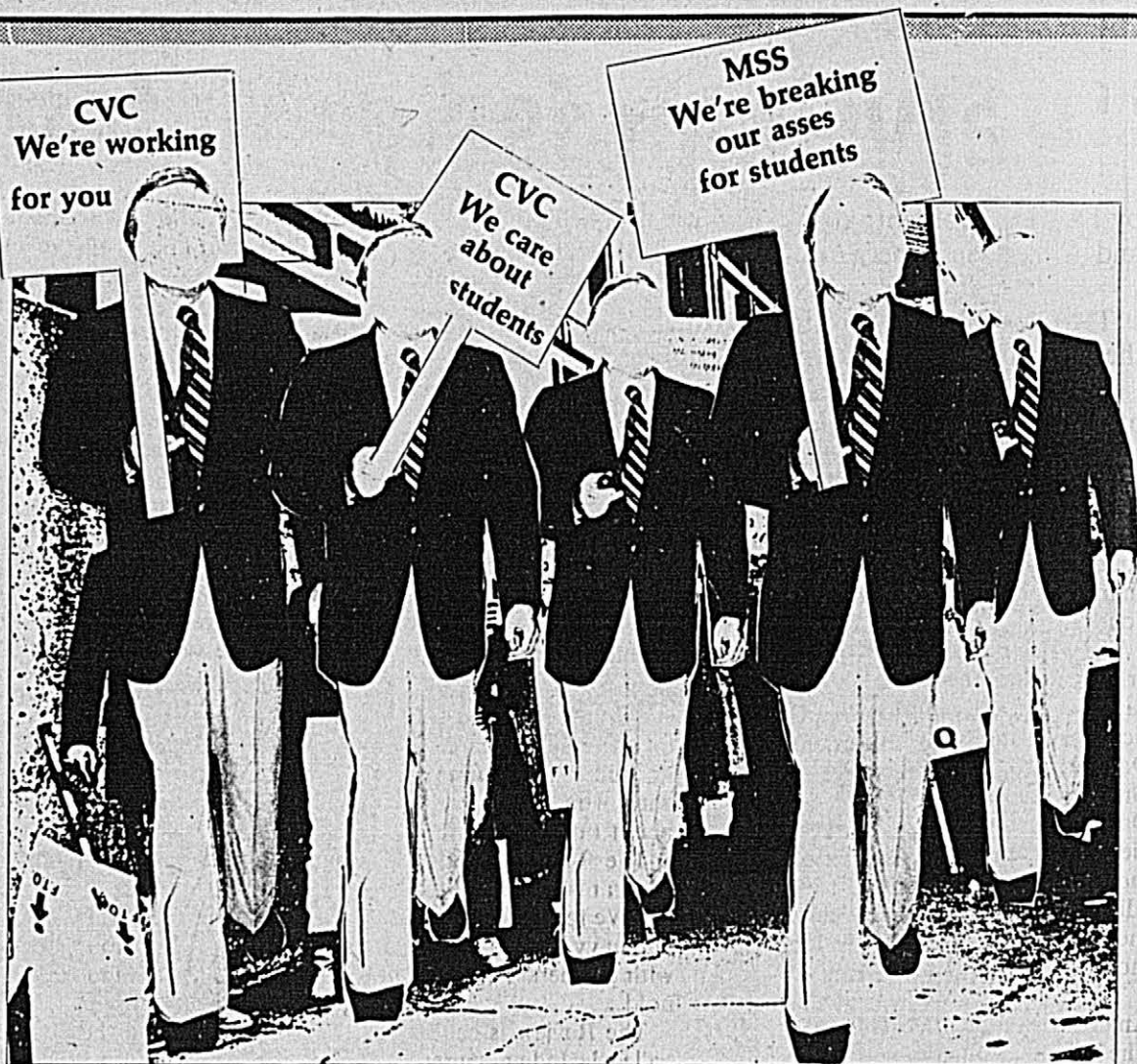
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LETTERS

To the Daily:

The article "Hejira plays it safe" in the November issue of the Daily by Robert Costain was of interest. However, it might be said that though Hejira's approach may "have softened markedly" it is certainly "thought-provoking" to some. I refer to the fact that Hejira refuses to publish poetry, etc., written by men. This is obvious-

ly discriminatory. Obviously sexist. What is to be the criterion for the printing of work in Hejira: quality work with relevance to women's issues, or work produced by those of the female gender exclusively? In this respect, Hejira is surely not a healthy sign.

"We're no longer made aware the publication is produced exclusively by women" Cos-

tain writes. But any male submitting work to Hejira is made aware that his potential contribution is unwelcome (though, of course, he'd be allowed to buy a copy!) C'mon, Hejira, grow up!

James Jervis

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The Ethiopian Mutual Aid Association in Québec

"Very impressive"

by Howard Goldenthal
and Albert Nerenberg

That's what U.S. President Ronald Reagan wrote to the staff of the Dartmouth Review, after reading a few copies of the paper.

The Dartmouth Review is the most well known of the recent surge of neo-conservative student papers in North America.

It receives \$10,000 annually from the Institute of Educational Affairs (IEA) and another \$10,000 from the John Olin Foundation. The same man, William Simon, is president of both organisations.

The Dartmouth Review traces its origins not to the growth of a conservative mood on campus but to the difficulty in airing conservative views in the Dartmouth student paper. When Gregory Fossedal was removed from the Dartmouth because of his conservative views, he appealed for help to Dartmouth professor and National Review editor, Jeffrey Hart. In half an hour on the telephone, Hart had raised enough money to start the Dartmouth Review.

The Nation Magazine, a weekly American commentary magazine, called The Review "something of phenomenon in the annals of campus journalism." The Nation described it as a newspaper

ed by publishing photostats of the stolen files proving the connection. "We hated to do it but we did have our credibility to think about," said Review chairman, Keeney Jones.

Peter Arnold, Executive Editor of the Review outlines their current editorial policy:

"Students should only be commenting on the issues regarding the university" he said. "Our alumni aren't concerned with what some freshman has to say about nuclear proliferation."

The Review would like to see ROTC programs reinstituted at Dartmouth.

"We feel that the army, the Air Force, and navy ROTC programs are consistent with a Liberal Arts education," said Arnold.

The Review is calling for Dartmouth college's Indian symbol to be returned. It was removed when Native groups campaigned against it calling it racist. The Review wants withdrawal of funding from the Dartmouth student gay association.

"We do not believe a group should be recognised and funded because of its sexual preference," said Arnold.

One of the review's first patrons, George Champion, the retired Chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, has commented that in his day "we'd have thrown all the gays off campus."

Other conservative papers such as the Harvard Salient came about through the vigorous involvement of outside groups particularly the IEA. In 1981, then IEA member, Christopher DeMuth, urged graduate student Terry Quist to come to New York to meet institute members. Quist enlisted the aid of several conservative faculty members, among them Edward Banfield and Richard Pipes, who spoke at McGill three weeks ago, and drafted a grant proposal. The result was the Salient.

In 1980 the IEA gave \$5,000 to "Counterpoint", a journal at the University of Chicago started by John Podhertz, son of commentary editor Norman Podhertz, and \$27,000 to the St. John's Review, a journal associated with St. John's college in Annapolis, Maryland. The next year, the institute increased its efforts.

It appears that many U.S. conservative papers are born apparently with a similar strategy in mind. In 1983, when well known anti-ERA activist Phyllis Schlafly visited the University of Iowa, her on-campus hosts, a conservative student group decided to highlight their guest's visit by holding her press conference in the university's feminist Women's Resource and Action Centre. Their choice of location drew huge attention to the event and attracted the attention of the statewide press. A few months after the event the group went on to establish, the Hawkeye Review, a new conservative newspaper.

In 1978, a young Yale graduate, Andrei Navrozov, and two student friends bought the collapsed Yale Literary magazine for one dollar. The Magazine, in its heyday published the likes of

Sinclair Lewis, Dylan Thomas, and Thornton Wilder. Navrozov revamped the magazine raising \$250,000 from conservative foundations and individuals and private corporations, including the John Olin Foundation and William Simon. The magazine is currently in court with Yale University which claims the University not Navrozov owns the name of the magazine.

In 1983, when McGill Magazine, as the McGill University Magazine, first arrived on campus, the editor Linda Frum, received widespread press attention

when the administration threatened to take the magazine to court saying the name McGill University Magazine (an old literary Magazine) belonged to McGill. The case was dropped when McGill Magazine dropped "University" from its name.

In October of this year, when Francis Willers arranged for the distribution of one of his newspapers at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, he called it the Ryerson Review. There is already a Ryerson Review so the paper was thrown off campus by the administration, sparking a controversy.

...U.S. Institute backs Magazine

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Bush.

Seven other clone newspapers, identical to Libertas, have appeared this month on Canadian university and college campuses. These newspapers are published by one man, Francis Willers, a twenty-four year old McGill student. With minor exceptions, each newspaper contains exactly the same articles, including the Bush interview, while each was given its own cover and name.

John Mulholland, the editor of Libertas, contacted in Kingston said Libertas was produced with IEA money and assistance.

"Willers got the money, they put out the first issue," he said.

Willers admitted he got a grant from the IEA for Libertas.

Nigel Wright, the first editor of University of Toronto Magazine confirmed the IEA is giving money to the U of T Magazine.

"Yes it is," Wright said. He would not reveal the amount of money.

"No, our funding is not public," he said.

Wright is now a policy advisor in the Prime Minister's Office.

David Frum, part-time writer for the National Review (a conservative U.S. magazine) and Saturday Night, and brother of McGill Magazine's first editor and present Editor Emeritus, Linda Frum, asserts the IEA is exerting influence in Canada.

"The IEA is operating on both sides of the border," he said.

Cohen describes the IEA as "a small grant-making foundation for worthy projects."

But in 1983 alone, the IEA earmarked \$180,000 for student newspapers and gave start-up funds for 17 more in North America.

All three IEA funded newspapers have been directed by students connected to prominent Canadians. Linda Frum, the first editor of McGill Magazine, is the daughter of Barbara Frum, host of CBC's The Journal. Nigel Wright, a well-known campus figure at U of T, now works in the PMO's office. John Mulholland, editor of Libertas at Queens, is the son of William D. Mulholland, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Montreal.

Cohen said the wealth of the applicants doesn't figure in funding.

"Whether your rich or poor it doesn't matter," he said.

In the U.S. the IEA's appearance on campus has cleared the way for other neo-conservative foundations to sponsor campus publications. The John M. Olin foundation, the Seafair Family

Charitable Trusts, and the Paul Mellon Charitable Trust are now giving money directly to student newspapers which meet their approval.

Nigel Wright says he has no qualms about accepting money and guidance from the IEA.

"We were happy to have the help and advice from the Americans," he said. "They have more experience in setting up alternative papers."

In 1982, the IEA and American Spectator (a prominent conservative newspaper with offices in New York and Indianapolis) held a seminar for college students interested in starting or maintaining conservative newspapers. More than 40 students attended to hear speakers such as the Spectators' R. Emmett Tyrell Jr. lecture on taste and strategy.

"Don't print Ku Klux Klan literature," Tyrell advised.

IEA Executive Director Phillip Marcus suggested "If someone accuses you of being a racist or a sexist, accuse them back of McCarthy tactics."

One person contacted who attended that conference but asked not to be identified said:

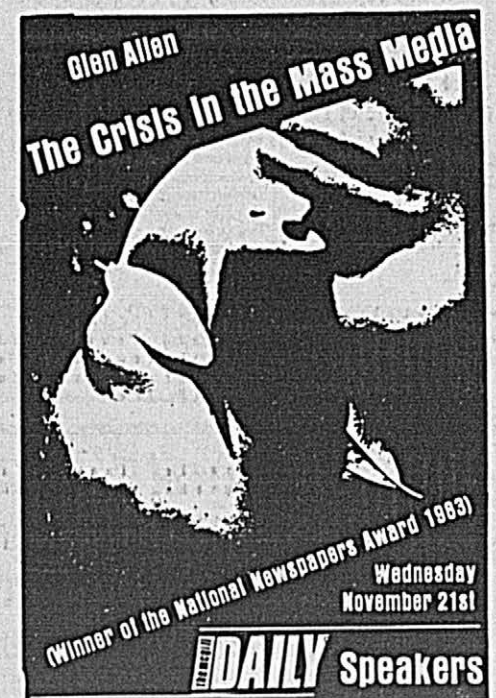
"They told me that when I was ready to go ahead publishing, I shouldn't worry about the money. They said they'd take care of that."



Ronald Reagan really likes the Dartmouth Review.

with "racy style, fluid prose and ribald humour."

In its first few years, the newspaper sponsored a beauty pageant to select a carnival Queen, honored Phyllis Schlafly, and on the day that many students fasted in support of OXFAM, the world hunger relief organization, it picked up the tab for a champagne and lobster brunch to which the whole campus was invited. An interview with a Ku Klux Klansman was illustrated with a picture of a black hanging by a noose from a tree. Examples of Review humour; "Genocide is never having to say your sorry," a quote from an anonymous student. In 1981, the Review obtained a list of members of Dartmouth Gay Student Alliance and published the names of all the Clubs officers. When one of the students, an 18 year old freshman phoned the review to deny any connection with the Alliance, The Review responded-



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Students' Society Appointment

Deadline is Tuesday November 20th at 4:30 pm.

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• 1 student
- 2) Vice-Chairman (Speakers), McGill Program Board

The student in this position will familiarize him or herself with guest speakers currently on the university lecture circuit and present a speakers program for the remainder of the 1984/85 year (including the Winter Carnival period) to the Board for approval. The Vice-Chairman (Speakers) will oversee the implementation of the approved speakers program with the assistance of the Speakers Committee.

For more info, contact Yat K. Lo (V-P Internal) at 392-8970

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Transcend reality and have fun at the Daily staff meeting on Tuesday at 16h30 in Union B03. Lots of elections — CUP conference delegates, Christmas editors and representatives to the constitutional committee. ABSENTEE STAFFERS, PLEASE COME HOME. WE MISS YOU.

EVENTS

Anthropology Students Association another of our profound meetings on Monday November 19 at 16h15 in Leacock 721. All anthro. students welcome!

Centre for East Asian Studies presents a lecture on "Carpet Production in Western China" at 15h00 in Leacock 219.

Drop-in at Newman with reverend Cgrs Ferguson, chaplain. 10h00 to 12h00 at Chaplaincy Service 3484 Peel. 392-5890 for more information.

Transformation of CSSs to CLSCs a seminar by McGill Social Work students. 15h00, Leacock 232. Free of charge to the public.

Days and Lesbians of McGill sponsors a coffee house. Coffee, doughnuts and music are all free. Everyone welcome. 18h30, Union 425.

McGill Christian Fellowship Lunch Hour discussion. Bring your lunch and join us. 12h00 Newman Centre 3484 Peel.

Morton-Master Piano Duo play for CBC McGill at Pollack Hall at 20h00.

Political Science Students Association will be sponsoring a meeting for the parliamentary interns programme. 11h00 to 12h00, Leacock 431.

Transcendental meditation Free introductory lecture to be held in Union 107 at 12h30. All welcome.

Auditions for Player's Theatre production of Tom Stoppard's Every Good Boy deserves favour. 12h00 to 14h00 and 16h00 to 18h00 in the Blue Room of the Arts building.

Vegetarian cooking course Union 107-108 17h00 to 21h00. Sponsored by the McGill Vedic Cultural Association.

The Women's Union Birth Control Co-op is now open. Diaphragms, condoms, and contraceptive jelly are now available. Come, ask questions and get informed.

TUESDAY
McGill Squash Club Club night 19h00 to 21h00. Après squash to follow.

Mattityahu Peled will speak on "Israel and its neighbours: the conditions for peace" at 19h30 Leacock 232. Admission \$3.

The McGill Film Society presents "Three Days of the Condor" in Leacock 132 at 19h30. Members meeting in L132 at 19h00.

Morency quartet at Loyola Chapel, 7141 Sherbrooke at 20h00. For info, 482-0320, local 611.

Herpes discussion groups are being formed at the Peel CLSC. For more information, call Lise Laporte at 842-8576.

Pollack Hall recitals at 17h00 and 20h00. Francophone tutors needed for children. Call Jewish Family Services of the Baron Hirsch Institute at 731-3881, local 311 for information.

ASUS council meeting. 19h00, Leacock 308.

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Special PGSS Council Meeting: November 21st, 5:45pm, Thompson House: Student Society relations (Grace Permaul will address council); PRAF Report; PGSS Membership; other business.

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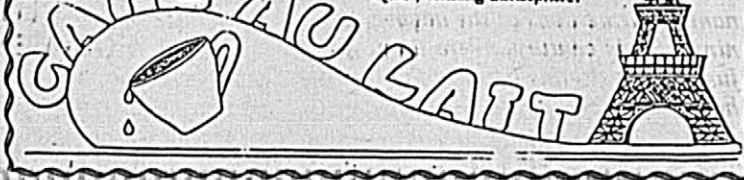
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Students breathe toxic gases

MONTREAL (CUP) — Substandard, and in some cases illegal, ventilation levels at Dawson College's Institute of Photography is forcing students to breathe in toxic gases which are endangering their health, a report says.

Over the long-term, students could contract skin cancer, or have permanent respiratory and brain damage from studying at the institute, the report warns.

A copy of the confidential report, prepared by a doctor at the Jewish General Hospital for the Dawson teacher's union in August, was obtained recently by the college's student newspaper, The Plant.

A similar report on the institute was apparently quickly shelved by the school's administration. "We changed our way of reporting incidents and accidents...our first aid kit was updated," said institute director Paul Labelle.

The rest of the report was "bogged down," Labelle said.

The report notes that while Kodak safety requires 15 air changes per minute for colour processing, only three to four air changes exist now.

Of 14 labs tested, only two

had proper ventilation.

At the institute, students do not use gloves to handle chemicals and do not have fume hoods to mix powdered chemicals. Exposure to carbon could cause skin cancer which would take 20 to 30 years to develop and certain chemicals may affect women's reproductive systems.

The report also says students are breaking the law by dump-

ing dangerous chemicals down the sink instead of using a chemical disposal company.

Labelle said the institute is now checking bylaws concerning some of the conditions and admits "some of (the precautions) may not be as rigid as what is recommended." Dawson student council president Orna Okouneff had not heard of the report.

"I'm surprised that I have

not been made aware of it. I think something should be done right away," she said.

Dawson's Board of Governors passed a motion November 5 from a student representative saying repairs to the institute

should be made immediately following expert recommendations.

An expert has since made some recommendations, similar to those in the report and the repair work has begun.

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Jean stresses this political side of the issue, "we need the community to participate in these squats, or at least support the struggle - collect food, building materials, take part in the picket lines,..."

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ERRATUM

The Daily wishes to apologise to R. Racmik for typographical errors which occurred in the printing of his letter on November 12. The text of the letter should have read "The Turkish government, for example, had many reasons (such as greed, religion, racism, imperialism...) to massacre two million Christian, namely Armenians at the beginning of this century. Were they justified to do this because they had reasons?"

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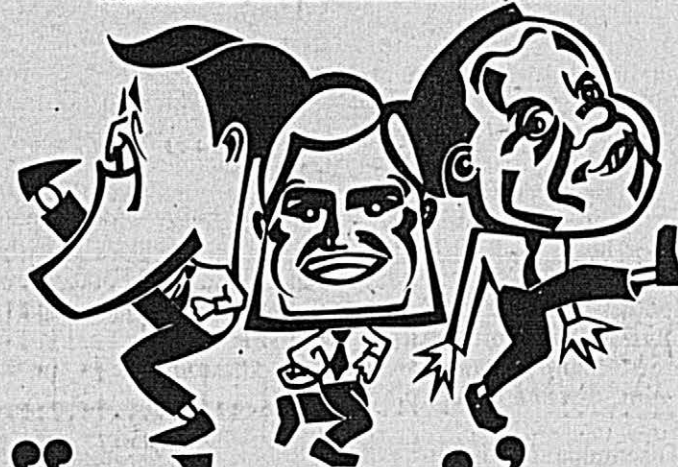
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Blasser wants \$1.4 million from McGill

Dental career lost in the shuffle

by Amy Kaler

Judith Blasser wants \$1.4 million from McGill.

Blasser is an ex-dental student, who has been contending that her 1982 expulsion from the McGill Faculty of Dentistry was the culmination of a harassment campaign by staff, grounded in personal animosity. The Faculty contends she was expelled for "incompetence" and "unprofessional behaviour."

The \$1.4 million is the estimated financial loss to Blasser if, as she argues, her career as a dentist has been destroyed by the McGill faculty. It appears in an injunction filed by Blasser's lawyer Larry Gitman. The injunction is intended to force McGill to recognise her expulsion as invalid, and to permit her to be re-evaluated and re-admitted to the Faculty.

At the heart of the matter is whether the evaluations on which Blasser's 1982 expulsion were based were valid. A Senate ad hoc committee found in her

favour, the evaluation process which was used to justify her expulsion was invalid. The Faculty has nonetheless refused to re-evaluate or re-admit her.

However, the Québec civil court cannot rule on the injunction until it has determined whether it has jurisdiction over the internal workings of the

university. These deliberations, says Steven Matthews, Blasser's student advisor, can take "from two weeks to two years."

Lawyers for McGill are contending that the province will only be able to rule on the Blasser case when she has exhausted all internal avenues of appeal.

For a student with an academic grievance, there are four levels of appeal — to the faculty, to the Senate, to the Senate grievance committee, and to the University Visitor. According to Blasser, all these have proven inadequate.

"The university has manifested a total inability to deal with the plaintiff fairly, has acted in her expulsion and in the failure to grant her a degree with bias and in breach of its contractual obligations," says the motion for the injunction.

The Faculty of Dentistry has been instructed not to comment on the injunction while it is before the courts.

According to Matthews, Senate and Senate grievance committees have responded to Blasser by shuffling her case back and forth.

"Senate is letting her go to the grievance committee, cognisant of the fact that the only thing she wants is a change of grades (An ad-hoc committee had determined that she had been misgraded.) On the other

hand, Senate itself has stated the grievance committee may not engage in academic evaluations and may not change a grade."

The third level of recourse, the Board of Governors, has no authority to intervene in matters of evaluation, and therefore cannot consider changing Blasser's grade.

The last level of recourse is to the University Visitor. The Visitor is an official of the crown — Jeanne Sauvé, in the case of McGill — whose role is to ensure that non-profit corporations follow their own statutes and to amend those statutes if necessary. She has the power to unilaterally order that Blasser be reinstated.

Blasser approached the Visitor in 1982, who referred her back to the internal channels of the university. The Faculty claims the subsequent series of appeals and grievances have altered Blasser's case so much that the present case is an entirely different one from that of two years ago, and that another appeal to the Visitor is now justified. Matthews does not agree:

"Substantially it's the same. If they (the Faculty) hadn't thrown her out, the current grievance case wouldn't be necessary or have happened. They didn't deal correctly with it two years ago," he said.

Apartheid morally wrong, says Archbishop Huddleston

by Leela MadhavaRau

"What is morally wrong cannot be economically and politically right," sums up Archbishop Trevor Huddleston's attitude toward the practices of the white minority régime in South Africa.

Huddleston, who spoke at McGill last Wednesday, lived in South Africa for over 20 years. He is now Chairman of the International Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa (Britain) and heads the British Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Huddleston dealt first with the illusion that South Africa is no worse than any other country with discriminatory practices.

"Discrimination is an evil and there is barely a country in the world without it... However, there is no other country in the world which bases its whole government on race — social, political and cultural structures and even religion are divided along racial lines. This is not merely discrimination, but legalized racism embodied in the constitution."

The Archbishop referred to recent events in South Africa. "It was a landmark in August (the inauguration of a new constitution, establishing a tri-cameral legislature in which racially mixed and Asian South Africans would hold a minority of seats) when for the first time the written constitution defined the fact that four-fifths of the population are excluded from participation in the parliamentary process."

"In protest, the United Democratic Front (UDF), an umbrella organization covering

over 600 groups ranged along ideological and colour lines, began a series of peaceful protests. Their success was shown when only 13 per cent of the coloured and 14 per cent of the Asian communities voted in the elections.

"As a result the state responded with violence detaining UDF leaders immediately before the elections. At one point the army deployed 7,000 troops together with the police to raid a single black township, they then arrested 300 'subversives' for 'stockpiling weapons.'"

Huddleston believes the only

way to avoid violent revolution is through economic sanctions. But in order for this to happen, governments must be pressured into action. "Apartheid is a major challenge to the Christian conscience and to all the world's major religions... a challenge which is in every way comparable to the abolition of slavery."

He concluded by quoting his former student, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu:

"I have no doubt, not the shadow of a doubt we will win, the only question is when and how."



Police attack a peaceful meeting in 1959. Such scenes are still common in South Africa.

McGill visits the 'dark continent'

"Africa, the dark Continent, inspires visions of safaris and native grass huts... the rare beauty of White Africa... Stroll the sun-kissed beaches... nearby is Zululand, the tribal homeland of South Africa's Zulus."

This brochure excerpt is from the 1985 Travel Study Program sponsored by the Graduates' Society of McGill and the Centre for Continuing Education. The brochure was sent to all McGill graduates and faculty members but is not available on campus at the present time.

Several graduates who received the pamphlet have complained to Continuing Education and to the *Daily*.

Professor Peter Gutkind of the Department of Anthropology, says, "This text is offensive — it propagates the stereotypes of Africa, the grass huts with the 'savages'."

"The South African government needs people to travel there and return to the West. Such a trip is a way to legitimize these contacts. However, what are all the things they will be exposed to — they cannot visit the African townships, or sleep in the same hotels if there are blacks among the tourists."

Dr. Stanley Frost, the contact person for this trip, one of eight offered this year, says "South Africa is so cut off from the rest of society, few of us have understanding of it. It is tremendously interesting geographically, culturally, socially and politically," he said. "It is an explosive area, the more we can know about it, the better we can understand it."

Gavin Ross, Executive Director for Graduates' Society said the pamphlet was written by a professional writer and was approved by a committee consisting of two members of Graduates' Society, Director and Assistant Director of Continuing Education and Ross himself.

"My feeling is that McGill has sponsored trips to countries whose governments we don't agree with. We've been to Russia a dozen times."

Frost echoed this sentiment, "I don't agree with the South African government, I don't agree with the government of Soviet Russia either."

Gutkind says, "Such things should be roundly condemned, their have no place in a university."

Frost explained the differentiation: "White Africa" was necessary to make the contrast with "the black Africa that was unknown."

Both men added the trip was not yet definite and was dependent on the interest expressed by the graduates. Both said there had been requests for such a trip from graduates who had previously travelled elsewhere.

According to the South African Consulate in Montréal, travellers experience no difficulties based on skin colour.

Frost concludes, "This is travel literature and it has to be made attractive."

Leela MadhavaRau